

Application No. 09/784,415
Reply to Office Action dated January 12, 2004

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Applicants have rewritten Claims 31-34 in independent form by including the limitations of base Claim 30. Accordingly, support for amended Claims 31-34 can be found in Claim 30-34, as previously presented.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Mullis for indicating that Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 16-19, 22-29, and 37-45 are allowed and that Claims 31-36 are only objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicants submit that, in view of the present amendments, all of the pending claims are now allowable.

As explained above, Claims 31-34 have been rewritten in independent form by including the limitations of base Claim 30. Accordingly, these claims should now be allowed.

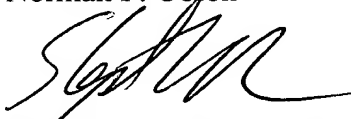
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Since all of the claims pending in this application are allowed, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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